

Excerpts from Secretary Abraham's Speech at the Conference of G8 Energy Ministers

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“Advanced technology, and the contributions of science, play a critical role in our future energy plans. Along with promising innovations such as hydrogen fuel cells, the President is anxious to accelerate fusion power as a realistic source of energy.

We are now engaged in serious consultation here in the United States and around the world on how best to pursue a fusion program.

President Bush is particularly interested in the potential of the international effort known as ITER and has asked us to seriously consider American participation.

This major international effort will answer a critical scientific question: Can a fusion reaction--the kind of reaction that powers the sun--be harnessed here on earth for the benefit of all mankind?,,

The whole text can be found at:

<http://www.energy.gov/HQDocs/speeches/2002/mayss/PublicEnergyForu>